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TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, NS

SUBJECT: SURINAM 200-MILE ZONE TO BE PROMULGATED

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REF: (A) PARAMARIBO 0066 (B) OUR TRANSMITTAL SLIP DATED
1/17/78 (NOTAL), (C) 77 PARAMARIBO 0936

1. AT 1700 HOURS LOCAL TIME JUNE 9, EMBASSY RECEIVED

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FROM MINISTRY FOR GENERAL AND FOREIGN
AFFAIRS CIRCULAR NOTE (DATED SAME DAY AND LABELLED
CONFIDENTIAL) INFORMING US THAT "THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAM HAS DECIDED THAT THE LAW ON THE
EXTENSION OF THE CONTIGUOUS ECONOMIC ZONE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SURINAM BE PROMULGATED ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, 1978.
ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, THIS LAW WILL COME INTO FORCE, THUS
ESTABLISHING THE JURISDICTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SURINAM IN THE 200 MILES ZONE." NOTE PROMISES THAT
MINISTRY WILL IN DUE COURSE FORWARD THE OFFICIAL
TEXT OF THE 200-MILE LAW AND REQUESTS THE
EMBASSY "TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION TO ITS GOVERNMENT."

2. BASIC PROVISIONS OF SURINAM'S 200-MILE LAW WERE
REPORTED IN REF C, WHILE REF B TRANSMITTED DUTCH TEXT
AS PASSED BY SURINAM'S PARLIAMENT ON JANUARY 11 OF THIS
YEAR. ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS
NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW LAW HAVE NOT YET BEEN
MADE KNOWN.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TAKE APPROPRIATE
STEPS TO INSURE THAT OPERATORS OF ALL U. S. -FLAG VESSELS
FISHING OFF THE COAST OF SURINAM ARE INFORMED
OF THIS ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAM.
LORTON

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